

25-26/09

LOUND PARISH COUNCIL


PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2025. The meeting took place at 7pm at the Village Hall. **(Subject to amendment until signed by the Chairman at the next meeting)**

Present: Miles Thomas (Chair), Paul Strowlger (Vice Chair), Gayle Welsh, Jenny Ozinel, Connor Moore, Jill Brown (clerk). Also present were Keith Robinson (County Councillor), Ed Back (County Councillor), and Paul Ashdown (District Councillor).

1. **Welcome and Apologies** – Apologies were received from Jill Day and Carly Jones-Perks. Apologies were accepted. Proposed by Jenny, seconded by Gayle. No objections.
2. **Declaration of interest and requests for dispensation** – Miles declared an interest in any discussion regarding garage rents.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meetings** - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st September were agreed. Proposed Gayle. Seconded by Paul S. No objections.
4. **Public Forum** – There were no members of the public present.
5. **Updates**
 - Speed Indicator – Jill D was not at the meeting to present the figures. Miles said that there had been 10% less speeding on Church Lane than there had been this time last year.
 - Warm Welcome Rooms – The grant application wasn't successful but there is enough in the pot from last year to hold the first two sessions and a grant application will be made elsewhere.
 - Grants update – There has been a successful bid for part funding of new windows in the Village Hall. Funding is being sourced for further improvements. Funding is being sought to continue with the Fit, Fun, Flex group. A new volunteer is being sought for the Conservation Area project. Gayle is aware of a potential candidate who is interested this role.
 - Notice Boards - Paul S said that he will be following up on this before the next meeting. It was agreed that the recent CIL payment will be used to part fund this project. Proposed by Jenny. Seconded by Connor. No objections.
 - Clerk's laptop – This has been purchased and is now in use.
 - Gov.uk email addresses – Some councillors are up and running with the new email addresses but there are still some problems with others. Miles will address these problems with the provider.
 - Dog Waste Bin – will be taken forward to next meeting.
 - Step on Heath – Miles read out a communication from ESC stating that all the steps will be replaced and the work is on a waiting list.

Signed


Chairman, 

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6. **Reports from District and County Councillors** – Nothing to report at present.
7. **Planning: Application Number DC/25/2853/FUL** – A discussion took place and a reply formulated. Clerk to draft and circulate before submitting to the ESC Planning Portal (Appendix A).
8. **Correspondence** – Local Plan Call for Sites – this was discussed. Posters are displayed regarding this on both notice boards.
9. **Preliminary review of Draft Budget for 2026/27 and Precept request for 2026/27** – A draft budget and precept request was agreed in principle and will be finalised at the January meeting (Appendix B).
10. **Accounts a:** Review of income and expenditure and balances to end October 2025. Review of bank reconciliation to end of October 2025. Review of actual and forecast income to end October 2025. These were reviewed and agreed. Proposed by Paul S, seconded by Gayle.
b: Payments to Authorise:
Clerk’s salary to end of November 2025 and end of December 2025.
To discuss changing date of salary payment to 28th of each month so that a standing order can be set up. Agreed. Proposed by Gayle, seconded by Jenny.
Reimbursement to Paul S for payment of Laptop £698 paid – Agreed. Proposed by Gayle, seconded by Connor.
Village Hall £80 – Agreed. Proposed by Jenny, seconded by Connor.
CAS – website hosting - £66 – paid. Agreed. Proposed by Connor, Seconded by Jenny.
SLCC membership £80 – Agreed. Proposed by Jenny, seconded by Gayle.
Graphic Solutions - £10 (grants budget) – Agreed. Proposed by Connor, seconded by Gayle.
11. **Dates of Future Meetings** - 5th January 2026, 2nd March 2026
12. **Councillors Forum** – a). **Rugby bus funding** – to discuss whether a contribution can be made by Lound PC (Paul S). b). **Dorking Road hedges** – these need trimming – Connor.

Signed

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Appendix B
Lound Parish Council

Proposed Budget 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027

Income:

Garage Rents	858.00
Allotment Rents	120.00
Bank Interest	40.00
Total Planned Income	<u>£1018.00</u>

Expenditure:

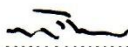
Employment Costs	3066.00
Insurance	600.00
Hall Hire	90.00
Website Hosting	90.00
SLCC subscription	90.00
SALC subscription	225.00
Internal Audit	225.00
ICO (GDPR) registration	45.00
Printing	150.00
Contingency and Other	750.00
Email addresses	130.00
Total Planned Expenditure	<u>£5461.00</u>

Precept Requirement **£4443.00**

Precept for 2025/26 was £4109 – this results in an increase of £32.43 for a band D property.

Signed

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Full Parish Council Meeting on Monday 3rd November 2025

Appendix A

Planning Application number DC/25/2583/FUL was discussed at a full meeting of Lound Parish Council on 3 November 2025.

Lound Parish Council objects on the following grounds:

1. There has been a gross lack of consultation around this planning application. The Parish Council only became aware of this application on 20th October 2025, and the deadline for consultee comments is 10th November 2025, which is insufficient time for the Parish Council to solicit the views and comments from the Lound community which it represents. Such a significant development warrants to be considered by the whole of the Lound community and its feedback gathered to inform the considered response of the Parish Council. There has been no public consultation by the developers regarding this proposed development to apprise the community ahead of the closing date for comments.
2. There is discrepancy around the boundaries of this site. The address provided on the application is stated as; *Land At Ashby Dell Border Lane Somerleyton, Ashby And Herringfleet Suffolk NR32 5EE*. However, the vast majority of the land falls within the Parish of Lound. This is a misrepresentation and serves to misinform the residents of Lound that the proposed development is indeed largely within the parish (see 5 below). This further serves to potentially deprive them of their opportunity to have any input.
3. Concerns were raised regarding the seeming lack of depth of any wildlife/environmental consultation and sound base line environmental data is lacking, from which robust impact assessments can be developed.
4. The site in question is high-quality agricultural land. The Parish Council strongly believe that agriculture is the appropriate use for this site. The Parish Council enquires as to what steps were taken to identify a more suitable site for this purpose either elsewhere on the landowner's land or ideally brownfield sites.
5. The land in question comprises approximately 13% of the total area of Lound Parish. Despite this, if this proposed development were to go ahead, there appears to be no discernable benefits to the Parish of Lound and its residents.
6. Concerns were also raised regarding the access routes, which are along narrow back roads and are considered inappropriate for HGV vehicles traffic and increased traffic that the proposed development would require during its construction and its operational lifetime.

These comments have been composed to meet the 10th November deadline. The Parish Council would like to request that the deadline is extended to give opportunity for a public consultation event. The Parish Council may submit further comments as more information becomes available and/or public opinion becomes known.

Signed

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